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FORMATION APPARATUS USING THE METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) The print control method of an electrophotograph as claimed in claim 7 wherein
in the developing device having at least two or more developing rolls, the developing bias
when the potential is detected is set to the developing bias such that when the potential is
detected, avoidance control of the developing bias applied to the developing device is
performed so as to lower the toner covering percentage on the photoconductor, and the
developing bias avoiding timing is set to the timing such that when the potential is detected,
avoidance control of the developing bias is performed after the detected potential passes
through a developing nip width of the developing device in order to suppress the carrier fly.